NOTICE OF DECISION UNDER REGULATION 32
FILM POSTERS

VIDEO SLICK

TO: The Film and Video Labelling Body Inc.
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Pursuant to regulation 32 of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Regulations 1994 the film poster entitled:

Behind the Sphinc Door

is **Not Approved.**

if approval refused, the reasons for the decision:

The video slick features sexually explicit images and text, some of which strongly degrade and dehumanise women by focusing on them as orifices ready to be sexually penetrated at any time. Particularly impactful are two medium close-up images of anal intercourse on the back of the slick. A reference to a woman who "craves anal sex", and captions such as "Alisha also invites Tommy into her asshole for a stretch!", and "Alisha & Samantha open their buttholes for big Ron!" reinforce the notion of women as orifices for the sexual pleasure of men. The use of internal views of an anus in the wording of the title on the cover and spine of the video slick is particularly dehumanising and strong in its impact.

In view of the extent and degree to which the publication degrades and dehumanises women, the Classification Office finds that the availability of the video slick is likely to be injurious to the public good. Consequently, the publication would be likely to be classified as objectionable if it were submitted for classification. Therefore in accordance with regulation 28(3)(a) the video slick is not approved. The Classification Office considers this a reasonable limit on freedom of expression, as outlined in s5 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.

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Date: 18 September 1998

For the Classification Office (signed):

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